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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was seasonally light to moderate with best interest for fast food specials, and mixed opinions for first of the month. Offerings were adequate to fully sufficient; floor stocks were adequate to instances long. In the parts structure, demand was generally light to fair. Dark meat was mostly adequate to fully adequate with drums and thighs slow to clear. Breast items and wings were at least sufficient, but tenders were well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 80.50 cents last year on August 4, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	170.00
BREASTS - B/S	148.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	108.00
LEG QUARTERS	45.50
WINGS	79.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was seasonally light to moderate, best for retail ads, active first of the month business, and fast food promotions. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair, but best where further processing and retail needs increased. Dark meat was mixed, but available, with drums and thighs in the longest balance. Breast items were adequate to fully sufficient, closest for tenders, and wings were available. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were desirable to light, mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and generally unaggressive during midweek trading as dealers kept orders in close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate to fully adequate. Drums and thighs were readily available and slow to clear. Wings were at least adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to instances barely steady. Offers of additional whole broilers were adequate to available for the light buyer interest. Fill in trading noted on 3 pound wogs at 50 and 53 cents delivered into the Chicago area. Retail and food service movement continues fair to instances moderate with scattered features and fast food entities providing the best draw. Some sources noted little improvement for first of the month business and are skeptical of any changes in trade interest with high temperatures and humidity returning to the Midwest. Floor stocks were mostly adequate to long with weights ranging desirable to light. Dark meat cuts were adequate to barely adequate with supplies of wings and breast items fully adequate to ample. The market tone was barely steady to weak on boneless skinless breasts, barely steady on wings, and steady on leg items.

**WESTERN REGION** Trade sentiments were steady to weak. Offerings were fully adequate for immediate needs. Buying activity was just fair, with buyers' watching further market developments. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best for parts. Floor stocks were easily adequate to cover current interest.

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 30, 2005. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 175 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 30, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through July 30, 2005 were 5.28 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER CHICK PLACEMENT AND BROILER EGG SET TOTAL 19 STATES SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 07/30/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	213,819	214,939	-01
CHICKS PLACED	174,849	174,183	0

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Sep-05 is estimated at 159.9 million head. This compares to 160.0 million head the previous week and to 163.0 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 151.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 70.14 cents per pound.

AUGUST 02

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

AUGUST 03

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	606	113.00-195.00	-	127.39
TENDERLOINS	213	117.00-185.00	125-129	126.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	80.00-88.00	84-86	84.64
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	569	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.26
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	965	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.42
WINGS (WHOLE)	292	65.00-86.00	-	75.55
WINGS (CUT)	142	83.00-88.00	75-79	85.77
DRUMSTICKS	68	58.00-68.00	-	59.18
THIGHSTOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	120	90.00-114.00	-	103.00

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
AUGUST 02, 2005 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
53.00 - 56.50	54.90

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	597	115.00-195.00	120-125	126.01
TENDERLOINS	219	117.00-185.00	125-129	125.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	80.00-86.00	84-86	84.51
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	579	42.00-47.00	44-45	44.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,005	44.00-48.00	46-47	46.34
WINGS (WHOLE)	282	65.00-86.00	-	73.58
WINGS (CUT)	390	83.00-88.00	84-87	85.73
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-68.00	-	57.41
THIGHSTOO FEW TO REPORT				
B/S THIGHS	110	90.00-114.00	-	104.18

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
AUGUST 03, 2005 -- FOB DOCK

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.50 - 57.50	55.32	54.78

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of breasts items were at least adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Drums and thighs were readily available and slow to clear; other dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were at least adequate. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair at best. The market tone ranged no better than steady to instances weak.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUGUST 02

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	127.60	852,940
TENDERLOINS	125	127.02	236,462
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	90.36	64,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	80.88	86,400
LEGS	61-62	58.26	146,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	44.83	316,840
DRUMSTICKS	60-61	62.78	133,400
THIGHS	48-49	57.25	66,880
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.57	124,180
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	74.41	185,050
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.98	10,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.85	8,840
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.45	22,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METRO AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\*TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

AUGUST 03

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135-140	131.73	589,920
TENDERLOINS	125	124.36	147,070
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	88.20	76,040
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	82.39	78,360
LEGS	61-62	61.22	131,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	45-46	45.99	268,800
DRUMSTICKS	59-60	62.35	118,200
THIGHS	47-48	53.48	72,600
B/S THIGHS	104-105	103.45	109,920
WINGS (WHOLE)	72-73	73.46	214,160
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.25	22,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	40-45	42.37	9,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.11	15,240

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	AVG WTS
	08/03	08/02	08/01	07/29	08/01
Alabama	4,049	4,041	3,995	3,950	5.17
Arkansas	5,523	5,347	5,287	5,763	5.25
Delmarva	2,324	2,305	2,221	2,463	5.61
KY-LA-TN	2,315	2,322	2,238	2,132	4.95
Mississippi	3,155	3,131	2,608	3,578	5.62
North Carolina	2,483	2,505	2,498	3,068	6.23
Texas	2,536	2,490	2,532	1,970	5.34
Total	22,385	22,141	21,379	22,924	5.41
Mon-Wed	66,253(A)				5.27

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Aug-05 is estimated to be 34,431,000 head up 4.66 percent from a week ago and up 13.60 percent from a year ago.  
(Last week 32,897,000, last year 30,310,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-112
	DRY PACK 111-112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93-95
	DRY PACK 95-105
DUCKS	180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Aug-05

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	08/06/05 (1)	07/30/05
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>THOUSAND HEAD</b>	
Broiler/fryer	168,717 (2)	163,258
Light hens	1,378	1,208
Heavy hens	1,499	1,660
Total	171,594	166,126

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Aug-05 is 167.4 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 169.1 million head or 1.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 13-Aug-05 the estimated available is 167.6 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 08/01/05	118,501	47,724
AM 07/01/05	116,948	47,021
CHG	1,553	703
PCT CHG	1	1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	08/01/05	07/25/05	08/02/04	08/01/05	07/25/05	08/02/04
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	4,098	3,950	9,350	5,466	5,264	5,384
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	62	68	385	2,995	2,985	4,162

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 1, 2005

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES****FOR 08/02/05**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.70	.85	.78	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.75	3.75	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	1.00	-
BROILERS lb.	.45	1.00	.63	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	.30	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.40	1.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	.50	-	TURKEYS ea.	2.00	2.75	-
DUCKS lb.	.80	1.30	1.11	DUCKS ea.	4.00	5.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	.50	.43	RABBITS ea.	.50	2.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.25	5.00	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	3.00	-
SILKIES ea.	-	7.50	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	60						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending July 29, 2005

	<b>Whole Chickens</b>	<b>Breasts</b>	<b>Legs W/Thighs</b>	<b>Necks, Backs &amp; Wings</b>	<b>Livers/Gizzards</b>	<b>Hens</b>
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	83.91	171.24	115.58	19.26	6.42	74.92
High	89.90	179.80	119.87	21.40	12.84	74.92
Mostly	89.90	175.52	119.87	21.40	8.56	74.92

**SAN JUAN**

Low	84.33	171.24	111.30	19.26	6.42	74.92
High	89.90	179.80	119.87	21.40	12.84	74.92
Mostly	89.90	179.80	119.87	21.40	8.56	74.92

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	83.91	171.24	115.58	19.26	6.42	75.77
High	89.90	179.80	119.87	21.40	12.84	75.77
Mostly	89.90	175.52	119.87	21.40	8.56	75.77

**BECERRA**

Low	83.91	171.24	115.58	19.26	6.42	77.06
High	91.18	179.80	119.87	23.55	12.84	77.06
Mostly	89.90	179.80	119.87	23.55	8.56	77.06

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was about normal and in a range of moderate to light for mid week business. Offerings were sufficient for current trade requirements. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 69 to 80 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, supplies were irregular with drums and thighs balanced to occasionally available, quarters slowing. Breast items were reported as balanced to fully adequate. Wings were usually adequate to ample. Tenders were well cleared.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	55-82
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

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